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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, PINS, PE

SUBJECT: REPORT OF NAVY MINISTER RESIGNATION

REF: LIMA 4210

1. DAO HAS REPORT FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT VADM VARGAS CABALLERO, NAVY MINISTER AND JUNTA MEMBER, HAS BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN. REPORT INDICATES FOREIGN AS WELL AS PERUVIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE STUDENTS AT NAVAL WAR COLLEGE WERE REQUESTED DEPART INSTALLATIONS AND THAT NAVY STAFF AND STUDENTS PROCEEDED TO MEETING HELD THURSDAY MORNING AT NAVY MINISTRY. UPON THEIR RETURN TO CALLAO THREE ANGRY MIDDLE RANKING NAVAL OFFICERS REPORTED VARGAS'S RESIGNATION STATING NEWSPAPERS WOULD CONFIRM TOMORROW.

2. OTHER SOURCE AT NAVY MINISTRY ACKNOWLEDGED RUMORS OF CHANGES OVER PHONE BUT SAID THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIALS. SAME SOURCE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO SPEAK FRANKLY.

3. WE HAVE TWO REPORTS THAT NAVY IS ON ALERT. HOWEVER, DOWNTOWN LIMA IS NORMAL AND NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTICEABLE AROUND  
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PALACE AT NOONTIME.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT VELASCO'S SHARP REMARKS AT YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL), VARGAS' RESIGNATION IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE. HE HAS THREATENED RESIGNATION IN PAST BUT IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY IN CURRENT CONTEXT.

5. SINCE DRAFTING ABOVE, WE HAVE HEARD RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT CITING TWO SUPREME RESOLUTIONS: (1) ANNOUNCING VARGAS CABALLERO'S REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT AND EXPRESSING THANKS FOR HIS SERVICES TO NATION, AND (2) NAMING VADM JOSE ARCE LARCO AS NEW NAVY MINISTER.

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